

# We Create Community



## Fourth Measure A Playground Dedicated at Whaley Park



*Cutting the ribbon for the new playground, L-R Back Row: Director of Public Works Craig Beck, City Manager Pat West, Councilman Daryl Supernaw, Parks and Recreation Commissioner Margo Morales, Parks and Recreation Commission Vice Chair David Zanatta, Mayor Robert Garcia, Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Gerardo Mouet*

A grand opening celebration for the new Whaley Park playground was held on November 28. This was the fourth playground completed of six Measure A funded playground upgrades. Eager youth explored the new playground with an adventure course, guided passport and exciting super hero characters. The Long Beach Symphony Instrument Petting Zoo gave children the opportunity to create sounds with various instruments.

"This playground is an example of the repairs and upgrades to Long Beach parks and improvements in public safety that have been made possible by Long Beach residents and their support of Measure A," said Mayor Robert Garcia.

The project included the installation of two new playground structures, one for ages two to five years and another for ages 5 - 12 years, site furnishings and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements. The playground was designed with an arts and sciences theme, intended to enhance the robust arts and sciences programming and camps available at Whaley Park Community Center.

"The playground offers an opportunity to foster creativity through play, said Councilman Daryl Supernaw. "I am excited for our youth and families to connect to the arts, science, and music theme that is prevalent in Whaley Park's programming."

The project was made possible with \$910,000 in Measure A funds. Measure A (2016) is a Long Beach ballot initiative approved by voters as a 10-year sales tax to fund public infrastructure and public safety services.





# Lighted Trees in the Bay Welcome the Holidays in Long Beach



*Rainbow Harbor*

Each year in Long Beach, the holiday season comes to life with the installation of lighted tree structures that float on local waterways. Since 1949, when a local resident first built and cast a tree structure onto Alamitos Bay, the decorative trees have lit up the nights throughout the holidays.

The PRM Marine Maintenance Division manages the program including repairing the wooden structures, stringing and testing lights, and anchoring the trees in place. This year a total of 70 trees will be displayed at Rainbow Lagoon, Colorado Lagoon, Alamitos Bay Marina Lower and Upper Bays, The Peninsula, Spinnaker Bay, Belmont Vet-

erans Memorial Pier, Rainbow Harbor, the Second Street median, Scherer Park, Heartwell Park and El Dorado Park West.

Staff is proud to bring these colorful trees to life to celebrate the holiday season.



*Alamitos Bay*



*Alamitos Bay Upper Bay*

## PRM Hits Bulls Eye with Archery Foundation Grant



Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) has received an Explore Archery grant from USA Archery. This grant will supply resources for programming and materials to enhance PRM's archery program. As grant recipients, PRM will send two employees to attend an Archery Instructor Academy to be certified as USA Archery Level 2 Instructors. Additionally, PRM will receive Explore Archery program materials,

range posters and the equipment necessary to implement a beginner to intermediate archery program.

According to USA Archery, archery is a sport of focus and discipline that provides a foundation for goal-orientation. Learning and applying archery skills translate to STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) concepts used in the classroom and help athletes become better students.

To provide broad community access to the program, PRM will offer a one-day "Try Archery or Explore Archery" camp on four different afternoons in two different parks. Two will take place at Silverado Park, where an indoor archery range can be used, and two will take place at the El Dorado Regional Park Outdoor Archery Range. The goal is to introduce archery to youth participants and gauge interest for future programs. During the summer, PRM envisions an ongoing archery program at two locations once-a-week for 6 to 10 weeks, mirroring the Department's existing youth sports summer camps.

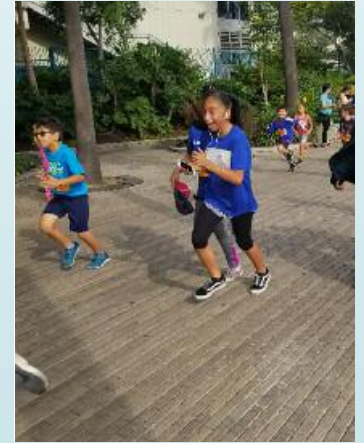
For more information about the USA Archery Explore Archery program, visit: [www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery](http://www.teamusa.org/USA-Archery)



# LB Junior Beach Runners Compete in Kids Fun Run Marathon

As a kickoff to the PRM WRAP (Winners Reaching Amazing Potential) Junior Beach Runners program in eight Long Beach schools, about 100 youth ran in the JetBlue Long Beach Marathon Aquarium of the Pacific Kids Fun Run on October 6.

The Junior Beach Runners is a program held throughout the school year which teaches the students the importance of eating healthy and staying physically fit. All students participating were in the fourth and fifth grades, including a student from Edison WRAP who finished 1st overall for the 9 -10 year-olds.



## By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services: October 2018

Permits to Gather.....	134
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	21
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	60
Field Use Permits Issued.....	73
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	762
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	8,113
Visits to City Pools .....	29,255
Youth and Teen Participants.....	7,798
Senior Citizen Participants.....	29,292
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	29,232
Number of Contract Classes (Spring).....	585
Number of Contract Classes (Summer).....	617
Adult Sports League Participants (Spring).....	34,758
Adult Sports League Participants (Summer).....	37,350



## Agents of Discovery App Engages Teens in Park Exploration



On November 12, Veterans Day school holiday, Parks, Recreation and Marine (PRM) launched “Agents of Discovery,” a free, educational smartphone app to get youth active, engaged and learning about the world around them. Over 35 youth from PRM Teen Centers came to Willow Springs Park to assume the exciting role of a Secret Agent on a Mission and gain new insights into the natural open space at the park. The Mission’s challenges were questions and facts created by staff that were geo tagged and triggered to appear in the app as the teens walked the trail and passed certain locations.

The teens learned about the unique history and landscape of the site and enjoyed a pizza lunch after their journey. Staff also plans to promote “Missions” for the public to experience at the DeForest Park Wetlands.

The free Agents of Discovery app is available on Google Play or visit:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/agents-of-discovery/id986188357>



*L: PRM Planning and Development Analyst Sharon Gates and R: Community Services Supervisor Daveth Yoak pose with Agents of Discovery mascot before the “Mission.”*



*Teens gather at the highest point in Long Beach in the Longview Point section of Willow Springs Park. Views of the Port of Long Beach, Rancho Palos Verdes, Catalina Island, and Mount Baldy can be enjoyed from this area.*

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# Winter Break Recreation Programs Scheduled



Parks, Recreation and Marine will offer free recreation activities during the upcoming winter school break. Several parks will be open for extended supervision hours on December 24,

26, 27, 28 and 31, and January 2-4 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The parks will be closed on December 25 and January 1.

Youth ages 5-12 can come to their local park to enjoy games, crafts, sports tournaments, field trips, and holiday celebrations. The locations are Admiral Kidd, Bixby, Chavez, Coolidge, Drake, Houghton, M.L. King Jr., McBride, Orizaba, Pan American, Ramona, Seaside, Silverado, Somerset, Stearns Champions, Veterans, Wardlow and Whaley Parks.



Teens can also join in winter break activities at Chavez, McBride, Houghton and Silverado Parks and the Freeman Center.

For more information, call 562.570.3150 or visit [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org)

## El Dorado Nature Center Winter Break Workshops



Ages 5-8 (must have kindergarten experience) can participate in nature-themed workshops during winter break at El Dorado Nature Center. Each one-time session is from 9 a.m. to noon and costs \$20. Register at [www.lbparks.org](http://www.lbparks.org)

December 26 – Puppeteria Nature Land – Become a puppet creator in the natural world. Course #29398

December 27 – Go Nuts for Squirrels – Learn all about squirrels. Course #29399

December 28 – Down the Ancient Trails – Learn survival secrets through games and crafts. Course #29400

January 2: Claws and Paws – Learn to recognize the signs of animals – Course # 29401

January 3 – Game On! – Learn how animals survive by playing with their family members. Course # 29402

January 4 – Wild About Art – create masterpieces from found outdoor items – Course # 29403

## L.A. Kings Sponsor Heartwell and Cherry Park Sport Court Resurfacing



Parks, Recreation and Marine held a re-opening ceremony for newly surfaced sports courts at Heartwell and Cherry Parks on November 19. The project was made possible through a partnership with the Los Angeles Kings to enhance youth sports.

The Heartwell and Cherry Park courts were selected as they are the game sites for the current ball hockey season.

The event featured a ball hockey clinic conducted by representatives of the Los Angeles Kings. Participating youth honed a variety of skills including passing and shooting to prepare them for the new coed ball hockey season for ages 9-14 underway now.



## Sound Garden Music Exploration Area Coming to Houghton Park



On November 14, a groundbreaking ceremony was held at Houghton Park for a Sound Garden, a sound-based interactive art installation and play area where children can experiment with sound and rhythm while climbing and exploring.

The \$100,000 project is a partnership between Long Beach City Council District 9 and the Long Beach Community Foundation (LBCF), that has been involved in the Atlantic Avenue Connected Corridor since 2007. The LBCF will fund and construct the Sound Garden in an area north of the park community center.

### By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau: November 2018

#### Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Total Number of persons enrolled during November.....75

Total number of CSW Hours for November.....2,287

Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....6  
(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)

Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....350  
(Litter pickup on beaches, parking lots, Belmont Pool, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula)

Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....676  
(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)

Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....232  
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)

Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....186  
(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)

Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....321  
(Litter and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon)

Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....514  
(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)

**Work orders completed**.....550

**Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis** .....172

**Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily**.....28

#### Park acres maintained

Park turf.....814

Park landscape.....2,310

Street (medians) turf.....53

Street landscape.....143

#### Water Use

Water cost & Consumption for September 2018

Parks and Street Island Potable.....37,777.....\$136,714

Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....52,604.....\$93,544



Sometimes it's only a matter of 3 little words...

# We forgive you.

From November 1st until December 31st, Long Beach Animal Care Services is forgiving all past license penalties and fines for Long Beach residents. To license your pet, visit 7700 E. Spring St. Long Beach, CA 90815, call 562-570-PETS or online at: [www.longbeach.gov/lacs](http://www.longbeach.gov/lacs)





## November Employee of the Month: Bob Livingstone



With a mixture of gladness and sadness, attendees at the November 15 Parks and Recreation Commission congratulated Bob Livingstone on his selection as the November “Employee of the Month,” not only because he definitely deserved the honor, but because it would also be his last meeting before retiring from City service. Bob worked for Parks, Recreation and Marine since 2009. His official title was

Superintendent of Golf Operations and Contracts, but he was also affectionately referred to as the “Chief of Stuff” for his resourcefulness and “Honey Badger” for his tenaciousness in achieving goals.

During Bob’s tenure, the five Long Beach golf courses became known nationally for their quality. He was successful in increasing the number of rounds played and in growing the game with innovative programs. Bob’s civic involvement included serving on the Parks and Recreation, and City Golf Commissions and running for Long Beach Mayor in 2002. He says every job he has ever had has been related to golf in some way including serving as men’s golf coach at CSULB. He was elected to the Long Beach Golf Hall of Fame in 2001. Bob has also served on the boards of Partners of Parks, the El Dorado Men’s Golf Club, Southern California Golf Association, St. Mary Medical Foundation, 49er Athletic Association and the CSU Long Beach Alumni Association.

In retirement, Bob plans to stay active in supporting golf, is considering adopting a rescue dog, and as he says, “Give time and resources to worthwhile causes that make the community better.”

## Trees Planted at LaBella Fontana di Napoli Park



Pepper trees were recently planted around the fountain at LaBella Fontana di Napoli Park. With funding from the Naples Islands Garden Club, Naples Improvement Association, the Office of Councilwoman Suzie Price and PRM, eight California pepper trees in 48” boxes were planted in time for Veterans Day to replace olive trees that had died.



# December 2018 - January 2019 Calendar of Events

## December

Sat. 15	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
	11 a.m.	Cocoa with Santa*	Rancho Los Cerritos
Wed. 19	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 20	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
	4 p.m.	Low-Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
Mon. 24	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
Tue. 25		Christmas Holiday	
Wed. 26	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Puppeteria Nature Land – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
Th. 27	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Go Nuts for Squirrels – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
Fri. 28	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Down the Ancient Trails – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 31		New Year's Eve	

## January

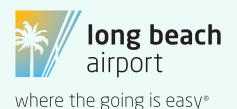
Tue. 1		New Year's Day Holiday	
Wed. 2	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Claws and Paws – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
Th. 3	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Game On! – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
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	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
Fri. 4	9 a.m.	Winter Workshop Wild About Art – (Ages 5-8)*	El Dorado Nature Center
	11 a.m.	Winter Fun Days Extended Recreation Supervision at local parks	Visit LBParks.org for details
Sat. 5	Varies	New 8-Week Saturday Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	Belmont Plaza, King Silverado Pools
	10 a.m.	First Saturday Stewards Volunteer Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	1 p.m.	Free Creation Station Youth Art Program	Rancho Los Cerritos
	2 p.m.	Out of the Wilds and Into the Garden Native Plant Lecture	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 7	Varies	New 8-Week Monday/Wednesday Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	King Park Pool
Tue. 8	Varies	New 8-Week Tuesday/Thursday Swim Lesson Sessions Begin	King Park Pool
Wed. 9		Youth Basketball League Registration Going On Now	Visit teamsideline.com/longbeach
Th. 10	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sun. 13	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 16	9 a.m.	Senior Advisory Commission Meeting	Long Beach Senior Center
Th. 17	4 p.m.	Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Microchipping Clinic	Scherer Park
Sat. 19	10 a.m.	Wetland Warrior Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
Mon. 21		M.L. King Jr. Birthday Holiday	
Th. 24	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting	El Dorado Park Senior Center
Sat. 26	10 a.m.	Stories of the Tongva People Lecture*	Rancho Los Cerritos

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